

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 - 2. (Cancelled).

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim + 21, wherein the second ~~material~~ vehicle trim component portion is introduced into the mold assembly cavity by an injection molding process.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein the second ~~material~~ vehicle trim component portion is introduced into the mold assembly cavity by a low pressure injection molding process.

5 - 6. (Cancelled).

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim + 21, wherein the textured surface of the first mold portion defines a decorative indicium.

8 - 10. (Cancelled).

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim + 22, further including a source of heat for heating the first ~~material~~ vehicle trim component portion.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim + 22, wherein the step of heating the first ~~material~~ vehicle trim component portion occurs within the mold assembly.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim + 21, wherein the second ~~material~~ vehicle trim component portion has a generally rigid characteristic for structurally supporting the first ~~material~~ vehicle trim component portion.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~1~~ 21, wherein the first ~~material~~ vehicle trim component portion is made of a material selected from the group consisting of thermoplastic olefin and vinyl.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~1~~ 21, wherein the second ~~material~~ vehicle trim component portion is made of a material selected from the group consisting of polypropylene, thermoplastic olefin, and acrylonitrile butadiene styrene.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~1~~ 21, wherein the first ~~material~~ vehicle trim component portion comprises a plurality of layers of material.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, wherein the first ~~material~~ vehicle trim component portion is comprises a layer of polypropylene foam and one of a layer of thermoplastic olefin and vinyl.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~1~~ 21, wherein one of the first and second ~~material~~ vehicle trim component portions includes an adhesive promoter to form a bond between the first and second ~~material~~ vehicle trim component portions.

19. (Cancelled).

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~19~~ 21, wherein the second ~~material~~ vehicle trim component portion is poured into the ~~cavity~~ mold assembly.

21. (New) A method of forming a vehicle trim component having a surface feature comprising the steps of:

- a. providing a first vehicle trim component portion;
- b. introducing the first vehicle trim component portion into a mold assembly including a first mold portion having a textured surface and a second mold portion;

- c. moving the first and second mold portions toward one another so as to cause the mold assembly to preliminarily deform the first vehicle trim component; and
- d. introducing a second vehicle trim component portion into the mold assembly so as to finally deform the first vehicle trim component portion into engagement with the textured surface of the first mold portion to form a vehicle trim component having a surface feature.

22. (New) The method of claim 21, including the further step of heating the first vehicle trim component portion prior to step c.